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CINCLANT

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1506

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TD, PINR

SUBJECT: WILLIAMS INTENTIONS STILL CLOUDY

CINCLANT FOR POLAD

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1480

1. ODDS ON SCENARIO DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL APPEAR TO BE NARROWING. AMONG PRESENT MINISTERS SUPPORTING WILLIAMS WE NOW NUMBER CHAMBERS, MAHABIR, PREVATT AND BOTH MOHAMMEDS. (AMONG "THE HUNDRED FLOWERS" THAT HAVE BLOOMED ARE BARROW, MCCLEAN, POSSIBLY PADMORE, WINCHESTER, PLUS SUCH PNM OPERATORS AS TULL, IVAN WILLIAMS AND SIMONETTE.)

2. THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT WILLIAMS WANTS TO BLOCK HUDSON-PHILLIPS AT ANY COST NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF PERSONAL DISLIKE BUT ALSO OUT OF CONCERN THAT A HUDSON-PHILLIPS VICTORY WILL LOCK THE PNM INTO A ONE-RACE MOLD. WHILE WE STILL BELIEVE THAT WILLIAMS HAS GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME TO EXPECT THE PNM TO REVERSE ITS MOMENTUM TOWARD HUDSON-PHILLIPS, HE NEVERTHELESS
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MAY WELL ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE AS PRIME MINISTER (IRRESPECTIVE

OF WHAT PNM DOES), COUNTING ON RELUCTANT PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT. ALTERNATIVELY, HE MIGHT DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT, FORCING ELECTIONS WITHIN THREE MONTHS. IN THE INTERIM HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PILOT THE DRAFTING OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION TO AVOID PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION, WHICH HE FEELS WOULD PERPETUATE RACIAL DIVISIONS IN THE NATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WILLIAMS HAS BEEN WORKING HARD ON A NEW BOOK THAT WILL STUDY RACE RELATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

3. ADDING TO THE CONFUSION, ASHFORD SINANAN SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION FROM HIS AMBASSADORSHIP NOVEMBER 26 AND ANNOUNCED A NEW POLITICAL PARTY TO BE OFFICIALLY FORMED NOVEMBER 29. SINANAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HIS NEW PARTY WILL NOT CALL FOR EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN THSE PRESENT CONSTITUTION.
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